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WESTERN ASIA

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1. REPORTS IN REFTELS AND BY PHONE INDICATE FINAL OUTCOME
OF POSSIBLE VOTE ON ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
STILL UNCERTAIN, ALTHOUGH PREFERENCES LEANING TOWARD
LEBANESE POSITION. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE CONTINUE BELIEVE
POSTPONEMENT IS CORRECT ACTION, AS EXPLAINED IN POSITION
PAPER (UNEC D-557/73). QUESTION OF LEGALITY OF EXCLUSION
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BY REGIONAL COMMISSION OF UN MEMBER WITHIN REGION CON-

CERNED, POTENTIALITIES FOR NEW IDEAS IN ECOSOC
RATIONALIZATION STUDY WHICH HAS NOT EVEN BEEN BEGUN AND
COMPLEXITIES OF RENEWED SC DEBATE ON MIDDLE EAST ALL
ARGUE IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT.

2; WITHOUT ACTIVELY LOBBYING AGAINST LEBANESE, YOU SHOULD
MAKE CERTAIN OTHER DELEGATES UNDERSTAND WE CONTINUE SUPPORT
POSTPONEMENT- IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT IF POSTPONE-
MENT FAILS WE WILL DEFINITELY VOTE AGAINST PARA 1(B)
DEFINING MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION AND ADD THAT FOR TIME
BEING WE RESERVE OUR POSITION ON VOTE ON RES AS WHOLE.
OUR POSITION BASED ON ABOVE ARGUMENTS AND OUR STRONG
OBJECTIONS TO TWISTING VALUABLE CONCEPT OF REGIONALISM

INTO POLITICAL DEVICE FOR EXCLUDING ONE UN MEMBER IN
REGION CONCERNED FROM A SO-CALLED "REGIONAL COMMISSION."

3. YOU SHOULD ADVISE US SOONEST OF DEVELOPMENTS AND
PARTICULARLY YOUR ESTIMATE RE PRECISE HEADCOUNT. ROGERS

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